

Shabbat Dinner for New, Prospective and Seasoned Members

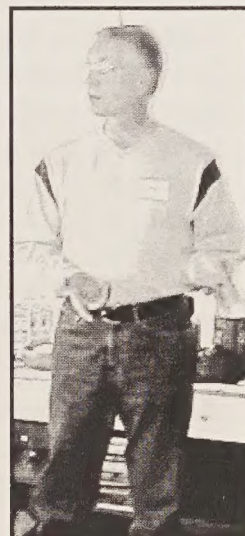
February 16



Our third Friday dinner for new, prospective and seasoned members has become an easy way for new members to meet seasoned members of Sha'ar Zahav. We'll meet on February 16 at 6:15 pm at the shul and walk to a neighborhood restaurant where we'll dine dutch-treat. The Membership Committee invites long-standing members to join us. Making new members feel welcome is a mitzvah. Please RSVP to the Sha'ar Zahav office at 415/861-6932 or office@shaarzahav.org.



Making new friends at the New Member brunch. Photos by Howard Steiermann



Song for Joe

Joe Hample, who has recently stepped down as Membership Committee Chair extraordinaire, has had a hand in virtually every aspect of Sha'ar Zahav. A list of roles shows the breadth of his interests: he has been Membership chair, Newsletter editor, Va'ad member and Recorder, Ritual Committee member, participant in creating our new Friday night siddur, and High Holiday logistics coordinator. He's the guy sure to make you feel welcome at Friday night services. And he's the one with the most outrageous Purim costumes. When Joe recently stepped down as chair, the Membership Committee decided to mark the occasion as he might have - with a show tune. So, after Shabbat services on December 8, we honored Joe with flowers, our words and the following serenade. Thank you, Joe!

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Open Hand for the Holidays: A Heartwarming Mitzvah

On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, approximately 116 volunteers from Congregation Sha'ar Zahav and Jewish Family and Children's Services volunteered at Project Open Hand. For more than 10 years, we have taken over most of the volunteer slots during the Christmas holidays. Our volunteers allow Open Hand's meal preparation and delivery to continue during the Christmas holidays while many of the regular volunteers take a much-needed break. This year we put on our official Open Hand garb again (paper hats, rubber gloves, aprons and a smile) as we prepared, packaged and delivered approximately 2000 meals for Project Open Hand's clients: people living with HIV disease and other life threatening illnesses.

We want to thank all of you who volunteered your time during the holidays to help with this annual event. It's amazing that each year we can count on you to fill all of

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Rabbi Angel

In honor of Tu B'Shevat, a Jewish environmental holiday that celebrates the trees, the earth and Torah, I have been reading *The Legacy of Luna: The Story of a Tree, a Woman and the Struggle*

to Save the Redwoods. The activist and acclaimed author, Julia Butterfly Hill, tells her story of what turned into an historic civil action. Hill had climbed 180 feet up into a tree high on a mountain on December 10, 1997, for what she thought would be a two- or three-week tree sit. In fact, she sat in protest for an entire year. During that time, her relationship with the redwoods and with the tree she named Luna deepened in intimacy. Her story, her "torah" if you will, is one of revelation, with both personal and global implication.

Rabbi Arthur Waskow, in an essay entitled "The Redwood Torah," describes looking up at the great redwoods and imagining what a Torah scroll would look like if it had these eitzim [trees] for its eitzim [the wooden poles that hold the spiraling Torah scroll]. How grand, how tall would such a Torah be! Each of us would be just the right size to be one letter in such a Torah scroll.

And that is what we are, of course: each of us a letter in God's great Torah scroll of all life on the planet. Yet being a letter is not enough. Nowhere in the Torah does a single letter stand alone to bear some meaning. In English, the word "I" is but a single letter, standing alone; but in Hebrew, even the word for "I" has several letters. No one, not even "I," can stand alone.

When one person, one corporation, like the corporations that claim to own the ancient redwoods, thinks it is a single letter that can stand alone, that single letter concentrates such energy that the letter turns to an engulfing flame, while all the words around it are reduced to paltry parchment – and to ashes. So the great Torah scroll, the earth and the society in which we live, begins to burn. It is a community of lives – not an isolated life – that makes up words, verses, books of wisdom in the living Torah made of earth and air, wood and water.

Let's Communicate:

Contribute to the Forward

The Jewish Gaily Forward is a way for CSZ members to communicate with each other; a way to inform each other about upcoming events, to share experiences, to celebrate CSZ life, to educate. But, without your help, the communication stops. Articles in the JGF are written by CSZ staff and members; if there's something you want to see in the JGF, write it! Articles should be no more than 150 words; artwork is also always welcome. If you you'd like to submit something, please contact Karen Schiller at kschiller@igc.org, or send your contribution as a Word attachment.

Photographers Needed!

Do you like to go to CSZ events with a camera around your neck? Are you interested in seeing your photos in print? We need you! *The Jewish Gaily Forward* is looking for volunteer photographers to record the life of CSZ. Contact Karen Schiller at kschiller@igc.org if you can help out.

Be the First to Know the News!

Do you want to know what's going on at CSZ before everyone else? Want the inside scoop? Then join *The Jewish Gaily Forward* Editing/Proofing/Layout committee. There's always something new at each meeting. For more information, contact Karen Schiller at kschiller@igc.org.

Our weave of wisdom that Jewish tradition often calls the Tree of Life, Eitz Chayim, teaches us to plant, water and care for trees as acts of tikkun olam, or world repair. Redemption is in the very act of planting. Though few if any of us will climb up a tree in protest, like Butterfly Hill, each of us can do our part in affirming that these trees are God's and should not be wantonly destroyed.

This year as you celebrate Tu B'Shevat, eating and enjoying the fruits of eitzim, recommit yourself to the Eitz Chayim, the Tree of Life, for her ways are pleasant ways and all her paths peaceful.

Song for Joe

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(Sung to the tune for "I Cain't Say No!" from the musical, "Oklahoma," with apologies to Rodgers and Hammerstein.)

Joe's just a guy who cain't say no
He's in a turrible fix
He always says "come on, let's go"
Just when he orta say nix!

Whut you goin' to do when a feller
gets flirty,
and starts to talk purty? whut you
goin' to do?

S'posin' that he says that there're
new members to welcome
or High Holidays to coordinate?
Whut you goin' to do?

S'posin' that folks say that the Mem-
bership/Newsletter/Ritual Commit-
tee, or Va'ad need you
And they've gotta have you or die?
Whut you goin' to do when they
talk that way,
Say no? Not Joe!

Joe's just a guy who cain't say no,
Cain't seem to say it at all
He hates to disappoint us all
When we are payin' a call!

Fer a while he acts refined and cool
...and then, well, Purim rolls around
again

And suddenly BATSheva unfurls
her wings
Or maybe Lot's wife turns to
Morton's Salt!

We can't resist you either, Joe
In flannel shirt or velveteen
You are our favorite queen
No one could be more keen
We love you, Joe!

– with love from the Membership
Committee

Open Hand

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the volunteer slots available. We appreciate each and every one of you who answered our call for help. We especially want to thank Sarita Groisser, the co-chair for this Social Action/Tikkun Olam project. We also want to express our appreciation for Project Open Hand, which gives us an opportunity to participate in tikkun olam.

Kosher Meat: Readings of Gay Jewish Erotica

Lawrence Schimmel, editor

Participating authors:

David May - *Mein Yiddishe Tate*

David O'Steinberg - *Down, Down*

Andrew Ramer - *From His Own Hands*

Facilitated by Rabbi Camille Shira Angel

Sunday, February 4, 6 pm

Kosher Meat is a compilation of short fiction exploring facets of the intersection of Jewish identity and gay sexuality. From the tale of an ex-porn actor who lives across the street from a yeshiva, a gay San Francisco couple who attend an S & M party after Shabbat services, the creation of a golem, a visit to the Holocaust Museum, to cruising after dark in Tel Aviv, these stories run the gamut of both Jewish and gay subcultures, but their themes are always constant: the workings of the human heart, the body and its desires. These revealing tales of love and lust – often poignant but with a good dash of chutzpah and camp – will enlighten, delight, arouse and inspire the reader, while pushing the limits of previously conceived notions as to the intersection of sexuality and religion.

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Adult Education Courses February - April 2001

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Date: Thursdays, February 1, 8 and 15

Time: 7 - 8:30 pm

Cost: Members Free, Non-Members \$10/session

Taught by: **Rabbi Camille Shira Angel and
Rabbi Eric Weiss** (Executive Director,
Bay Area Jewish Healing Center)

2/1 - *The Outstretched Arm*: Some Fundamental Concepts
and Practices in Jewish Healing

2/8 - *Caring for the Tree of Life*: Judaism, Environmentalism
and Tu b'Shevat

2/15 - *Between Anguish and Comfort*: Finding Healing From Our
Jewish Tradition

Twice Blessed / Twice Cursed: Magnus Hirschfeld and the Institute of Sexology

Date: Monday, February 5

Time: 7 - 8:30 pm

Taught by: **David Shneer**

Come learn about this famous gay Jew who founded the world's first Institute of Sexology in Weimar, Germany. We will talk about his idea of a "third sex," how Jewish values may or may not have influenced his work, and how his whole project was destroyed as soon as the Nazis came to power in 1933.

- This course is part of the Bureau of Jewish Education's Feast of Jewish Learning. This year's theme is "Heroes - who needs 'em?" For a listing of classes throughout the Bay Area, please consult the *Jewish Bulletin*.

Beginning Yiddish (10 weeks)

Dates: Tuesdays, February 13-April 17

Time: 7 - 8:15 pm

Cost: Members of CSZ, or SF Learning Consortium - \$85;
Non-Members- \$100 (\$90 if received by February 7)

Taught by: **David Shneer**

Have you ever wanted to learn Yiddish, the thousand-year-old language of Eastern European Jewry? This course will move beyond "kitchen" Yiddish by exploring the fundamentals of the language with an emphasis on spoken Yiddish. We will use the newest, best textbook, Sheva Zucker's *Yiddish: an Introduction to the Language, Literature and Culture*. In addition to learning the fundamentals, the main goal is to make learning Yiddish exciting and fun. Therefore, we will have a dynamic classroom environment and will incorporate Yiddish song and literature into the study of the culture that was developed in Yiddish over the centuries. We will spend the first class learning (or reviewing) the Yiddish alphabet, whose letters are the same as the Hebrew alphabet, so those with little knowledge of the Hebrew alphabet might want to brush up on the letters or order the textbook early and start learning the letters.

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Why Is This Member Different From All Other Members? *by Marc Wernick*



If you were to focus on the images of Karen Segal's separate personae of musician, teacher and *rebbetzen* (partner of the Rabbi), you

would miss the forest for the trees. When speaking with Karen, however, you get a sense of calm introspection, deep passion and a commitment to *tikkun olam* (repairing the world, social justice) - a woman committed to contemplation, connection and community with her own style and passion.

Karen's story starts in Boston; she's the child of a Danish, Quaker mother and a red diaper, Jewish father, raised in a family with a pronounced social awareness. Karen remembers her mother took her to anti-grape protests and boycotts; she recalls her father sharing his strong political and religious opinions. "He was really anti-religion. However, the one thing we always had at our home was matzah on the table at Passover."

Karen always identified as culturally Jewish but did not know much about the religion. In her twenties, she was involved with Israel and with Jewish feminist studies. As her brothers began finding their own spiritual places, Karen started putting pieces of the Jewish puzzle together to form her own identity. One brother is a practicing Sikh in Espanola, NM. "I guess we are all seeking in some way," she reflects. "My other brother moved to Watsonville and started exploring Catholicism. I freaked out. 'You have a religion, you're Jewish'," declared Karen. Those words stuck with her brother; in fact, he became an adult bar mitzvah. Karen followed shortly thereafter.

After she moved to Los Angeles, the threads of Karen's life began to be woven into what has become the fabric of her life. A pivotal person in Karen's Judaic discovery process was Rabbi Eddie Goldberg of Temple Israel in Hollywood. "Great service, great people, great sermons and great classes," comments Karen about

Temple Israel. In fact, she was so moved by her experiences there that she became an adult bat mitzvah - chanting her *parashah* (torah portion) not once, but twice - at Temple Israel and at Beit Chayim Chadashim (BCC), our sibling synagogue in Los Angeles. Karen also became involved musically at BCC and participated in instrumental additions to services.

Music plays a key part in Karen's life both personally and professionally. After studying and performing jazz in London and in the LA club scene, however, Karen decided to undertake a career shift. "While I loved the music, I did not enjoy the scene. It was getting old. I was getting old. The smoky, alcohol, straight male scene was getting as tired as I was. I didn't fit in. And my musical endeavors focused inward," recounts Karen. Since Karen had always worked with inner city youth, whether supervising a gay and lesbian adolescent group home in Los Angeles or leading two after-school programs in North London, pursuing a career as a teacher made sense. She has taught in South Central LA and in Harlem. "While I was politically active in high school and college, I was never really sure that yielded any results. With teaching I feel like I am fitting in and my energy is focused outward as if a form of *tikkun olam*. Through my work with kids, I know that I can have a direct impact on someone else's life."

At about the same time that Karen was moving into teaching, she began

to have a direct impact on another person's life. Here's how Karen tells the story: "I'm heading to New York on a trip, and my friend, fellow musician and contest-winning limbo dancer, Marsha Attie, suggested that I call her friend, Camille. So, when I get to New York, I call her. She is incredibly busy. Each time I do get in touch with her, she instructs me to call her later. The stress and pressure of being a rabbi is perfectly clear. The third phone conversation is the charm and Camille agrees to join us for dinner."

The dinner over, the group of friends dissipates, leaving Karen and Camille alone. They happen upon a Mike Stern concert in a neighborhood bar. After closing down the bar, the women cruised down the West Side Highway to take a Staten Island Ferry trip. The following weekend, Rabbi Angel joined Karen at her father's home in Boston and a long-distance relationship blossomed.

"At first I was struck that she was open-minded and spontaneous. We both love weekend getaways. As I got to know her, one of the things I enjoyed about Camille is that I always knew where I stood and never had to waste energy figuring out what she meant. Camille is absolutely genuine," Karen says.

Karen confesses that she is an unlikely candidate to be a *rebbetzen*. "Camille's mom knew from a young age she

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Yiddish and the Left (8 weeks)

Dates: Tuesdays, February 13-April 3
Time: 8:30 - 9:45 pm
Cost: Members of CSZ, or SF Learning Consortium - \$65;
Non-Members- \$80

Taught by: **David Shneer**

From the turn of the century Jewish socialism to contemporary radical Jewish music, there has been a seemingly magnetic attraction between Yiddish language, literature and culture and left-wing politics and activism. In this eight-week class, we will attempt to trace why Yiddish and the Left have had such a happy romance. We will read socialist manifestos, look at Yiddish-language Soviet newspaper cartoons, study avant-garde poetry, see clips of Yiddish film, listen to contemporary klezmer music, and pose the question: is the future of Yiddish, if there is one, still married to leftist activism and politics? No knowledge of Yiddish is required for this class, which focuses on literature and culture, rather than language. The instructor, however, recommends studying Yiddish concurrently with this course, so that the answer to the above question can be answered affirmatively.

Prayerbook Hebrew

Dates: Tuesdays, February 13-April 17
Time: 6 - 7 pm
Cost: Members: Free;
Non-Members: \$100/10 sessions
All are welcome

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Dates: Every other Wednesday
Time: 7 - 8 pm

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Please call Dahlia Gross at 415/575-4961 for specific dates and location.

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Sponsoring the oneg Shabbat following services is a lovely way to commemorate a special occasion. Onegs can be sponsored in honor of a simcha, as a tribute to the memory of a loved one or "just because." The cost is \$80-\$120 and we have a number of available dates in the coming months. Please call the CSZ office if you would like to inquire about sponsoring an oneg Shabbat on a specific date or would like more information.

February-Shevat/Adar

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

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4	11 Shevat	5	12 Shevat	6	13 Shevat	7	14 Shevat
• 6 pm -	Kosher Meat: Readings of Gay Jewish Erotica	• 2-3 pm - • 7-8:30 pm -	Healing Service Twice Blessed, Twice Cursed: Magnus Hirschfield and the Institute of Sexology	• 6-7 pm - • 7-8:30 pm -	Basic Hebrew Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class: 10 Essentials of Judaism	• 4 pm -	Kadi
11	18 Shevat	12	19 Shevat	13	20 Shevat	14	21 Shevat
		• 6:30 pm -	Va'ad Meeting	• 6-7 pm - • 7-8:15 pm - • 7-8:30 pm - • 8:30-9:45 pm -	Prayerbook Hebrew Beginning Yiddish 10 Essentials of Judaism Yiddish and the Left	• 4 pm -	Kadi
18	25 Shevat	19	26 Shevat	20	27 Shevat	21	28 Shevat
		• 7:30 pm -	Understanding Jewish History at Beth Shalom	• 6-7 pm - • 7-8:15 pm - • 7-8:30 pm - • 8:30-9:45 pm -	Prayerbook Hebrew Beginning Yiddish 10 Essentials of Judaism Yiddish and the Left	• 7 pm -	No K Adult Meet
25	2 Adar	26	3 Adar	27	4 Adar	28	5 Adar
• 1 pm -	Social Action Committee Meeting			• 6 pm-7 pm - • 7-8:15 pm - • 7-8:30 pm - • 8:30-9:45 pm -	Basic Hebrew Beginning Yiddish 10 Essentials of Judaism Yiddish and the Left	• 4 pm -	Kadi

Please Be in Touch With Me

I am eager to be in touch with all members of the CSZ family whenever there are occasions of joy or sadness in your lives. When there is a death in the family, please call me as soon as possible. We very much want to be there with you at a time of grief.

Rabbi Camille Shira Angel

East Bay Se

Friday, February 16,

Havurah potluck, candle l

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Ida Kuluk (510/530-4673) for c

Please note that dates, times and locations sometimes get changed after the *Forward* is published. Call the office if you need up

	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
	1 8 Shevat	2 9 Shevat	3 Shabbat Bo 10 Shevat
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7-8:45 pm Introduction to Judaism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:16 pm - Candle Lighting • 8:15 pm - Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Angel and Eileen Levy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:15 pm - Torah Study • 9:30 pm - Kadimah • 10 am - Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Angel • 1-2:15 pm - Meditation Havurah
14 Shevat	8 Tu B'Shevat 15 Shevat	9 16 Shevat	10 Shabbat Be-Shallach 17 Shevat
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7-8:45 pm Introduction to Judaism • 7-8:30 pm - Jewish Blessings as a Source of Healing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:24 pm - Candle Lighting • 8:15 pm - Shabbat Services led by Ruth Schoenbach and Howard Steiermann 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:15 pm - Torah Study • 9:30 am - Kadimah/Family Tu B'Shevat Seder • 10 am - Shabbat Services led by Alan Gordon and Eva Konigsberg • 1-2:15 pm - Meditation Havurah • 3 pm - Singing Havurah
21 Shevat	15 22 Shevat	16 23 Shevat	17 Shabbat Yitro 24 Shevat
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7-8:45 pm Introduction to Judaism • 7-8:30 pm - Jewish Blessings as a Source of Healing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:32 pm - Candle Lighting • 6:30 pm - Dinner with the Membership Committee • 8:15 pm - Shabbat Services led by Lyssa Friedman and Andy Fyne 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:15 am - Torah Study • No Kadimah • 10 am - Shabbat Services • 1-2:15 pm - Meditation Havurah
28 Shevat	22 29 Shevat	23 30 Shevat	24 Shabbat Mishpatim 1 Adar
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30 pm - Ritual Committee • 7-8:45 pm Introduction to Judaism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:39 pm - Candle Lighting • 6 pm - Family Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner • 8:15 pm - Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Angel and Judith Holiber 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:15 am - Torah Study • 9:30 am - Kadimah • 9:30 am - Baby Havurah • 10:30 am - Tot Shabbat • 10 am - Shabbat Services led by Ora Prochovnick • 1-2:15 pm - Meditation Havurah • 7 pm - One Hundred Dates in One Night
5 Adar	1 6 Adar	2 7 Adar	3 Shabbat Terumah 8 Adar
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7-8:45 pm Introduction to Judaism • 7-8:30 pm - Jewish Blessing as a Source of Healing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:46 pm - Candle Lighting • 8:15 pm - Shabbat Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:15 am - Torah Study • 9:30 am - Kadimah • 10 am - Shabbat Services • 1-2:15 pm - Meditation Havurah

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wanted to be a rabbi's wife. On the other hand, I never thought of myself as the partner of so-and-so, but rather so-and-so was the partner to me." For Karen, one of the most rewarding as well as challenging aspects of being the rebbetzen is being aware that she plays an important role in serving our community.

Karen is very excited about being part of our community. She has played the guitar several times at CSZ events. Karen is settling in as Band Director at Luther Burbank Middle School, has begun to develop some great friends at work and has found a gym. San Francisco is beginning to feel a bit more like home but Karen and Rabbi Angel are still discovering those mundane and special places that will make the city their city. Karen is genuinely appreciative of how helpful and welcoming people have been. Please join me in continuing to welcome Karen Segal to Sha'ar Zahav by sharing your insights on the cheapest place to get a vacuum fixed, the best place for a birthday dinner, where to rent a video if you live in the Excelsior, how to start a softball team at CSZ, how not be chilly all the time...

Pinat Mishpachah

Family Corner

Family Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner & Service

Friday, February 23, 6 pm

Shirah! (singing), T'fillah! (prayer), Kehillah! (community). Join Rabbi Angel, Jeni Markowitz and Lom Friedman for a catered Shabbat meal and service Friday, February 23 at 6 pm. New special programs for families with kids in Junior Congregation (ages 6+) and young children alike!

Members:

adults \$9-14, children \$6-8,

Non-members:

adults \$10-15, children \$7-9.

For more information about any of these programs, or to RSVP, contact Jeni Markowitz at 415/575-4962. (familyeducator@shaarzahav.org).

Baby Havurah

Saturday, February 24, 9:30 am

Join us for Shabbat morning stretch and play! Songs, toys, bubbles, finger plays and a mini-service puppet show are not to be missed by the 24-month and under set.

Tot Shabbat

Saturday, February 24, 10:30 am

Tot Shabbat is for children aged 2-5, their friends and families. We come together for an age-appropriate service filled with art, storytelling, singing, prayer and movement.

Upcoming CSZ Family Weekend Retreat!

May 18-20 weekend

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Jon Funk and John Arnold, in honor of the outstanding contributions that David Shneer has made to our community during his tenure as Director of Children's Education.

Leslie Kane and Manny Fishman, in honor of Jon Pannor, Howard Steiermann, Dev Felder Noily and Nina Wouk for co-leading services with Shmulik Fishman.

Allan Berenstein, in memory of Marilyn O'Keeffe.

Contributions in honor of Shmulik Fishman's becoming bar mitzvah

Melanie Kushnir and Alex Davido.

Rose Katz.

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Bernard Senger.

Avraham Giannini, in memory of Jack Wexler.

Bernard Schertzer, in appreciation of being given an aliyah to the Torah.

Daniel and Lyra Kelly.

George Frankel, in honor of Dennis Shorr's 45th birthday.

George Thompson.

James Carlson, in honor of the 10th anniversary of Ben Bank and Brian Jersky.

Sharyn Saslafsky, in honor of the blessing and birthday of Rose Heath Katz.

Jason Honig.

Paul Cohen and Bob Gutterman, in memory of Jack Wexler.

Julia Vasquez, in memory of John Vasquez.

K. Smokey Cormier, in appreciation of Sarita Groisser for leading shiva minyan in memory of Bru Cormier.

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Lorraine and Bob Nacamulli, in honor of Aaron's becoming bar mitzvah.

Marc Freeman, in memory of Ben Freeman.

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Mike Zimmerman, in honor of the naming of Rose Heath Katz.

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Riva and Bob Frederick, in memory of Isa Leah Cymrot-Wu.

Richard Sinkoff, in honor of Rabbi Camille Angel.

Robert K. Tat, in honor of the baby blessing of Rose Heath Katz.

The Newsletter Committee, in honor of Brian Jersky and in appreciation of all his work as Newsletter Chair.

Rose Sophia Katz, in honor of the naming and blessing of Rose Patricia Heath Katz.

Sharyn Saslafsky, in memory of Sophye Mendelsohn Gold.

Steve Elman and Tom Holt, with wishes for the speedy recovery of Greta Miskatel and with appreciation for Dev and Sara Felder Noily, Ellie Cohen and Miki Goralsky.

Susan Tubbesing, in memory of Fay Mutchnick.

Library Fund

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Sam Thal, in honor of Mike Rankin's birthday and in honor of the Gore/Lieberman ticket.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Brian Jersky, in memory of Pauline Jersky.

James Carlson.

Nansi Friedman and Stephen Pearlman, in honor of Rabbi Angel's installation.

Avraham Giannini.

Leslie Kane and Manny Fishman, in appreciation of Rabbi Angel's help in Shmulik's becoming bar mitzvah.

Allan Berenstein, in honor of, and in memory of, friends.

Melanie Kushnir and Alex Davido, in honor of the naming and blessing of Rose Heath Katz.

Social Action Fund

Allan Berenstein, in memory of Jack Wexler.

Mishkan Dolores Capital Campaign

Batya Kalis, in memory of Esther Rubin Kalis.

Batya Kalis, in memory of Sherman Kalis.

Batya Kalis, in memory of Dorothy Hodes.

Batya Kalis, in memory of Philip Kalis.

Special thanks to **Clarissa Kripke and Gail Ludwig** for their contribution to help underwrite the newly instituted Adult B'nei Mitzvah Program.

Condolences

Howard Steiermann on the death of his great-aunt, Irma Selman.

Rachel Maclachlan on the death of her friend, Adelia Lines.

Melanie Kushnir on the death of her grandfather, Jack Wexler.

Amy Scharf on the death of her grandmother, Sarah Bertha Katz.

Rachel Maclachlan and Nancy Silverrod on the death of their son, Elijah Michael.

Members' Yahrzeits

- 1 Steven Richter
- 2 Stephen Walters
- 6 Ronald Wilmot
- 14 Barbara Rosenblum
- 15 Alan Ellis
- 17 Jason Gaber
Allen Harris
- 22 Leland Vogel

New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new and returning members this month. A warm welcome to the most recent people to join our family:

Ben Davis
Paul Margolis

We are happy to see our congregation grow. It is up to all of us to help our new members feel welcome as they become active participants in our community.

Adult Education Courses

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One Hundred Dates in One Night: An Express Way to Meet Other Jewish GLBT Singles

Dates: Saturday, February 24
Time: 7 pm
Cost: Members: \$20;
Non-Members: \$25

Is finding your bashert drudgery or divine? Join Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, Harvey Milk Institute and other Jewish organizations around the Bay Area for "One Hundred Dates in One Night" an express form of dating adapted for the Jewish GLBT community.

This form of dating is sure to take the community by storm. In a nutshell, in less time than it takes to daven the Amidah, participants change partners and engage in a brief conversation - serial mini-dates. Daters are given a set of suggested questions about personal tastes and values along with a sheet to keep track of which prospective soul mates they want to see again. Giving of phone numbers and future dating agreements are made via a third party - all to reinforce a safe and supportive atmosphere.

On February 24, nosh and schmooze with other GLBT Jews from around the Bay Area while meeting at least 10 interesting people (we promise!) in a fun and safe setting. Please mark your calendar for a fun evening of round-robin dating on February 24. Because your mother never fixed you up with nice Jewish boys or girls quite like this!

Space is limited. Pre-registration required. Call early to reserve your spot.

To register or for more information contact Dahlia Gross, CSZ Program Director at CSZDahlia@yahoo.com or 415/575-4961.

Join us for one or all of these exciting classes!

Do you have items for the Naches Column? We'd love to publish them. Please contact the office and give us your good news!

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Members wishing to contact any Va'ad member or committee chair are invited to obtain her or his number from the synagogue office.

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Bikkur Cholim: If you or a friend who is a member of Sha'ar Zahav is ill in the hospital or at home, and would like to have a member of the Bikkur Cholim Committee call or visit, please notify the synagogue office.

Member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the World Congress of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Jewish Organizations.

Feb. Anniversaries

- 6 Barbara Cymrot and Dafna Wu
- 14 Joan Lefkowitz and Stacey Shuster
- 17 Peter Barnes and Leyna Bernstein
Bill Denebeim and Mark Vogel
- 21 Lele Diamond and Rachel Field

If you would like to make a donation, please contact the synagogue office.

Naches

To **Sara Shor** on becoming a bat mitzvah.
To **Lauren Augusta** and **Hilary Zaid** on the birth of their son, Ro'e Lev.

To **Lisa Katz** and **Sharon Heath** on their 10th anniversary.

To **Mark Leno** on his re-election as San Francisco City Supervisor.

To **Johanna Quashnovsky** on her new practice, One Calm Place, offering massage in your home.

To **Avraham Giannini** for being named one of the top doctors in the Bay Area, and for being selected for the cover of *San Francisco Magazine's* January issue.

To **Brian Besser** on his appointment as Spiritual Leader of the Jewish Community of Greater Stowe, Vermont.

To **Don Abrams** on being named one of the top 500 doctors in the Bay Area by *San Francisco Magazine*.

February Birthdays

- 1 Joan Goldman
Alisa Weiner
- 3 Yishai Begley
Paula Fleisher
Jacob Robinson
- 5 Patricia Byers
Steve Weitz
Ami Zusman
- 6 Steven Diller
Andy Fyne
- 7 Oscar Klausner
Ida Kuluk
Maya Rubin Wish
- 9 Mark Freeman
Amy Gentile
- 10 Carol Cantwell
Ruth Miguel
Elias Ross-Trupin
Sam Tucker
- 11 Emma Abinanti-Sena
Marion Williamson
- 12 Joan Lefkowitz
- 13 Leva Choden
Dafna Wu
- 14 Sara Feinstein Shor
Avraham Giannini
Irene Ogus
Beth Ross
Susan Unger
- 16 Chuck Cohen
- 17 Barry Siegel
- 18 Lauren Augusta
- 20 Jim Edlin
Hilary Zaid
- 21 Amy Scharf
Andy Schwartz
- 22 Susan Tubbesing
- 25 Alex Ingersoll
Nancy Silverrod
- 26 Ethan Frazin
- 27 Nancy Brunn
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- 27 Neil Jacob Rosenbaum
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New to CSZ? Haven't been in a synagogue in a while? Exploring Judaism? Whatever the reason, you may be unfamiliar with Hebrew terms commonly used at CSZ

and many other synagogues and Jewish institutions. We thus offer the following list as a guide. (Please let us know if you'd like us to add any words.)

עלייה (aliyah) - to go up;
1) as in being invited to recite the blessings before and after the Torah is read;
2) or when one moves to Israel

עמידה (amidah) -
silent standing prayer

אויף רוף (auf ruf) -
ceremony held for a couple prior to marriage (Yiddish)

ביקור חולים (bikkur cholim) -
visiting the ill

בימה (bimah) - stage;
the raised platform from which ritual leaders conduct services

בני מצוה (b'nai mitzvah) -
collective noun for bar (son) and bat (daughter) mitzvah (commandment)

דבר תורה (devar torah) -
words of Torah; commentary on the weekly Torah portion

דור ראשון (dor risbon) -
first generation; social group for CSZ men over 40

ערב (erev) - evening

גמילות חסדים (gemilut chasadim) - acts of loving kindness

הבדלה (havdalah) -
ritual performed Saturday night after three stars appear in the sky marking the end of Shabbat and welcoming the new week

קבלת שבת (kabbalat shabbat) -
receiving or welcoming the Sabbath

קדיש (kaddish) -
prayer recited in memory of someone who has died

קדימה (kadimah) -
forward; CSZ religious school

קידוש (kiddush) -
blessing over wine

כיפה (kipah) -
head covering; yarmulke

לעתיד (la'atid) -
toward the future; CSZ group for young and young at heart

מעריב (ma'ariv) - evening service

מחזור (machzor) -
High Holiday prayerbook

מזל טוב (mazel tov) - good luck;
used to mean congratulations

מנחה (minchah) -
afternoon service

מנהג (minbag) - custom

משפחה (mishpachah) - family

מצוה (mitzvah) -
commandment; also used to refer to a good deed

מוציא (motzi) -
blessing over bread

מוסף (musaf) - additional service

נחם (naches) - pride (Yiddish)

עונג (oneg) - joy; the social hour following Shabbat services

עשה שלום (oseh shalom) -
maker of peace; song sung to end services and meetings

פרשה (parashah) -
weekly Torah portion (plural: *parashot*)

ראש השנה (Rosh Hashanah) -
literally head of the year; Jewish New Year

שער זהב (Sha'ar Zahav) -
Golden Gate

שבת שלום (Shabbat Shalom) -
Sabbath peace

שחרית (shacharit) -
morning service

שכינה (shechinah) -
in-dwelling presence of God; God's feminine essence

שואה (Shoah) - the Holocaust

סידור (siddur) - prayerbook

טלית (tallit/tallis) - prayer shawl

תיקון עולם (tikkun olam) -
repair of the world

תודה רבה (todah rabah) -
thank you very much

צדקה (tzedakah) -
righteous act; mitzvah of giving

ועד (va'ad) - board

יאר צייט (yahrzeit) -
anniversary of a death (Yiddish)

יום כיפור (yom kippur) -
Day of Atonement

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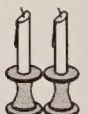
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